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Hughes Kin Gains Temporary Control Of Summa Corp.

WILMINGON, Del., May 5 (AP) — William R. Lummis, 47-year-old first cousin of the late Howard R. Hughes, has obtained a court order giving him temporary control of the giant Summa Corp.

Summa was wholly owned by Hughes at the time of his death April 5.

In a petition filed in Chancery Court here, Summa attorneys said conflicting claims on the Hughes fortune in other states should be resolved in Delaware, where the company is incorporated.

The Summa petition also declared that a handwritten document discovered last week in Salt Lake City was not the billionaire's will. The company said there is no reason to believe Hughes left a valid will.

Vice Chancellor William Marvel ordered Lummis named temporary administrator, and the Houston lawyer later filed letters of administration with the New Castle County Register of Wills.

The letters could make Lummis executor of the Hughes inheritance if the courts order execution of the billionaire's estate in Delaware.

Lummis' mother, Mrs. Frederick Lummis, Hughes' maternal aunt and his closest living relative, is 75 and has been ill. A Houston court named the Lummises joint administrators of the Hughes holdings in Texas last month before the handwritten will was found.

In its petition the Summa Corp. cited specific conflicting claims already filed by the Lummises and other court-appointed administrators in Nevada concerning the company's stock.

The company also mentioned the action taken in Las Veags and Los Angeles by Noah Dietrich, former longtime top Hughes aide, to assume control of Hughes estate under the purported will.

The Summa petition listed other potential claimants, including Los Angeles County Public Administrator Bruce Altman and 18 individuals in Texas and California.

Summa told the court it was beset by "multiple litigation and conflicting adjudications and multiple liability."